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AMENDMENTS TO LB 363

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 "Section 1. Sections 1 to 4 of this act shall be known
4 and may be cited as the Prairie Protection Act.

5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Prairie Protection Act:

6 (1) Destructive rodent pests means one or more rodents,
7 including but not limited to prairie dogs and pocket gophers, that
8 pose a threat to agricultural, horticultural, or livestock concerns
9 or to human health; and

10 (2) Person means a natural person, public authority,
11 private corporation, association, firm, partnership, limited
12 liability company, or business trust of any nature whatsoever
13 organized and existing under the laws of this state or of the
14 United States or any other state thereof.

15 Sec. 3. (1) The county board may purchase materials and
16 equipment and employ one or more suitable persons to manage
17 destructive rodent pests within the county. Any materials and
18 equipment so purchased and compensation for such services may be
19 paid out of the county general fund or a specially designated fund
20 of such county.

21 (2) The county board may put into operation a plan for
22 the management of destructive rodent pests within the county. The
23 plan shall be in accordance with the approved procedure of the
24 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States

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1 Department of Agriculture. The county board may solicit
2 cooperation from the federal agency for the management of
3 destructive rodent pests and may enter into cooperative agreements
4 with federal agencies for such management.

5 Sec. 4. (1) No person shall release destructive rodent
6 pests into a county unless such person has complied with all
7 requirements for such release imposed by the Game and Parks
8 Commission and obtained both the prior approval of the commission
9 and the prior approval, by resolution duly adopted, of the county
10 board of such county. A person need not obtain such prior approval
11 before:

12 (a) Transporting destructive rodent pests through a
13 county without releasing such destructive rodent pests;

14 (b) Confining destructive rodent pests indoors or in
15 cages or similar enclosures and using such destructive rodent pests
16 for scientific purposes or as food for human or animal consumption;

17 (c) Keeping destructive rodents pests indoors or in cages
18 or similar enclosures as pets; or

19 (d) Releasing destructive rodent pests at the location
20 where such destructive rodent pests were originally taken into
21 captivity.

22 (2) The county may levy an occupation tax on any person
23 receiving permission to release destructive rodent pests.

24 (3) The county board of any county into which a person
25 releases destructive rodent pests without the prior approval of
26 such board may:

27 (a) Require the person who released the destructive

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1 rodent pests to manage the destructive rodent pests or remove the
2 destructive rodent pests from the county; or
3 (b) Impose a fine upon the person who released the
4 destructive rodent pests in an amount sufficient to compensate the
5 county for the cost of managing the destructive rodent pests or
6 removing the destructive rodent pests from the county.".